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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
January 3, 2021 10:30 am Order of Worship
worship in the time of social distance

Prelude: *Be Still, My Soul* J. Sibelius

Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship Isaiah 60, Matthew 2

Worship Leader

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

People: We are called out of our darkness into light.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: We rejoice in the gift of light.

Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

People: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love in Jesus the Christ will transform our lives. Amen.

Hymn: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #251
sing

Listen as Carol Ghenic & Linda Gottron

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Stars, Dreams and Other Routes*

Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory: *God Will Take Care of You* W. Martin

Doxology Hymnal #95

Listen as Carol & Linda sing

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *We Three Kings* #254

Listen as Carol & Linda sing

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude: *What a Wonderful Savior!* E. Hoffman

Announcements

7:00 pm Thursday Adult Bible Study with Rev. Steve Perrine resumes January 7, 2021 on Zoom. Let Rev. Steve know if you will participate so he can send you a link and the materials.

Sunday Worship Services continue, but it is strongly recommended that you livestream online at Rev. **Stephen K. Perrine** or **Good Shepherd UMC** Facebook pages.